

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law created a program to authorize certification of medication attendants to perform certain functions in licensed nursing homes. New law extends the medication attendant program created in prior law to include both licensed nursing homes and licensed adult residential care providers.

New law defines "licensed long-term care facility" to encompass both nursing homes and adult residential care providers.

Prior law provided that persons who have completed an approved medication administration course, passed a qualifying certification examination, and been issued a current certification by the department shall be permitted to administer certain prescribed medications to residents of licensed nursing homes. New law changes prior law to allow such persons to administer certain prescribed medications to residents of licensed nursing homes and of licensed adult residential care providers.

Prior law provided that the rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to ratios of supervising licensed nurses to medication attendants in licensed nursing homes. New law changes prior law and states that the rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to ratios of supervising licensed nurses to medication attendants in licensed long-term care facilities.

Prior law required the promulgation of rules and regulations for the enforcement of prior law to be done by March 31, 2008. New law removes the deadline for the promulgation of rules and regulations.

Prior law required each person accepted to participate in the medication administration course to have a minimum of one year's experience in a nursing home as a certified nursing assistant or graduated from a nursing program. New law requires each person accepted to participate in the medication administration course to have a minimum of one year's experience in a licensed long-term care facility as a certified nursing assistant or graduate from a nursing program.

Prior law required any nursing home utilizing a medication attendant to verify with the nurse aide registry that the person has a current certification. New law changes prior law and requires any licensed long-term care facility utilizing a medication attendant to verify with the nurse aide registry that the person has a current certification.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends the heading of Part I-A of Ch. 11-A of Title 37 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 37:1026.1, 1026.2, 1026.3(4), 1026.4, 1026.6(A) and (B)(6), 1026.7(8), and 1026.8)